

Application Directions
Division of Natural Areas Paul John Kalisz Conservation Award

The Division's **Paul John Kalisz Conservation Award** is intended to recognize undergraduate students whose scholarly projects focus on conservation of forest ecosystems, amphibians, reptiles, or carnivores. In addition to research, all forms of art and other non-research projects with a focus on conservation, wildlife, or preservation of natural resources are eligible. This award is to recognize outstanding creative work that has been completed or that is being proposed. Although the award can be used to fund your effort, it is intended as an award outright but a [Natural Area's Grant-in-Aid](#) proposal requesting funding for the project can be submitted simultaneously. This award is available to rising sophomore, junior, and senior undergraduate students of any major with at least a 3.25 GPA. The application is in the form of a proposal (see below), and although projects completed anywhere will be considered, preference will be given to those that incorporate use of Maywoods Environmental and Educational Laboratory. Preference will also be given to projects that include elements of road ecology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or Remote Sensing, or other technologies, such as wildlife camera traps, aerial drones, etc. This award was established by Glen Kalisz, an ECU alumnus, in honor of his father, Dr. Paul Kalisz.

Applications should include the [Grant-in-Aid cover page](#) and a project description, which should be limited to five pages, not including the literature cited, doubled-spaced, and in 12-point font.

Components include:

- Title
- Introduction and rationale, including statement of objectives
- Methods, including data collection and analysis techniques
- Proposed dissemination methods (KAS presentation, KAEE poster, manuscripts, etc.)
- Literature cited

Additionally, a brief letter of support from the faculty mentor should be submitted directly by the mentor. Materials should be submitted electronically to the Division of Natural Areas Director, Dr. Stephen Richter (stephen.richter@eku.edu). The cover page can be scanned and emailed as a PDF or mailed to the ECU Division of Natural Areas, 3106 New Science Building, 521 Lancaster Avenue, Richmond, KY 40475.

Required Final Products

Within one calendar year following the beginning of the grant award (or at a time agreed upon with the Director), awardees will submit a final report, a poster or oral presentation in the format for a professional meeting, a list of oral/poster presentations, and data collected from our natural areas. All will be submitted electronically to the Director. Format for the final report should follow that of a journal in the awardee's field of study and include Introduction, Methods, Results with tables and figures, Discussion, and Literature Cited. Additionally, awardees are requested to present a short (10–12 minute) presentation at the annual Natural Areas Board meeting. Commitment to a presentation (poster or oral) at an appropriate venue in the investigator's field of study will strengthen the proposal.